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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-258304, published September 24, 1999 (previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 10, 2006).
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-326460, published November 26, 1999.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those indicated as being previously submitted.

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